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<b>Committee:</b> None	<b>Committee Meeting Date:</b> <a href="#">Click here to enter a date.</a>
<b>Agenda Item Number:</b> 19-0771	<b>Common Council Meeting Date:</b> 6/4/2019
<b>Submitted By:</b> Brian Running, City Attorney	<b>City Administrator Approval:</b> Kevin Lahner, City Administrator <a href="#">Click here to enter text.</a>
<b>Finance Department Review:</b> Rich Abbott, Finance Director RA	<b>City Attorney's Office Review:</b> Brian Running, City Attorney BER
<b>Subject:</b>  General discussion of possible City participation in lawsuits against opioid manufacturers.	

**Details:**

Lawsuits by government agencies nationwide against opioid manufacturers have been filed, and some have resulted in successful settlements in favor of the government agencies. Law firms have been aggressively pushing participation in these lawsuits on municipalities, including the City of Waukesha. Because of news coverage of these suits, and because law firms may be contacting council members directly about city participation, it's a good time to have a general initial discussion about these suits and whether the City of Waukesha should be participating.

**Options & Alternatives:**

This will be a general informative discussion, no action is recommended, therefore no alternatives exist.

**Financial Remarks:**

There is no immediate financial impact to the City.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Council members should investigate and become aware of opioid litigation being pursued on behalf of municipalities in preparation for an eventual decision on whether the City of Waukesha should join.